



The Florida Senate

Local Funding Initiative Request

Fiscal Year 2019-2020

LFIR#: 2004

1. Title of Project: Gadsden Sheriff Child Protection Investigations

2. Senate Sponsor: Bill Montford

3. Date of Submission: 02/22/2019

4. Project/Program Description:

Pursuant to Section 39.3065, Florida Statutes, transfer the responsibilities of conducting the child protective investigations in Gadsden County currently performed by the Department of Children and Families (DCF) to the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office (SO). With Legislative approval of an appropriations bill, the Gadsden County Sheriff will enter into a contract with DCF and the funding currently provided to DCF for Gadsden County would be provided to the Gadsden County SO to provide those services. Thereafter, when a report to the DCF Hotline is made alleging abuse, abandonment or neglect of a child in Gadsden County, the information will be routed by the DCF Hotline to the Protective Investigations Bureau of the Criminal Investigations Division (CID). A Child Protective Investigator will initiate a protective investigation, while simultaneously, a Detective from the CID Criminal Investigations Bureau will initiate a parallel criminal investigation, when warranted.

5. State Agency to receive requested funds : Department of Children and Families

State Agency Contacted? Yes

6. Amount of the Nonrecurring Request for Fiscal Year 2019-2020

Type of Funding	Amount
Operations	658,373
Fixed Capital Outlay	
Total State Funds Requested	658,373

7. Total Project Cost for Fiscal Year 2019-2020 (including matching funds available for this project)

Type of Funding	Amount	Percent
Total State Funds Requested (from question #6)	658,373	100.00%
Federal	0	0.00%
State (excluding the amount of this request)	0	0.00%
Local	0	0.00%
Other	0	0.00%
Total Project Costs for Fiscal Year 2019-2020	658,373	100.0%

8. Has this project previously received state funding? No

Fiscal Year (yyyy-yy)	Amount		Specific Appropriation #	Vetoed
	Recurring	NonRecurring		

9. Is future-year funding likely to be requested? Yes



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- a. If yes, indicate non-recurring amount per year. \$658,373

10. Details on how the requested state funds will be expended

Spending Category	Description	Amount
Administrative Costs:		
Executive Director/Project Head Salary and Benefits		
Other Salary and Benefits		
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other		
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Operational Costs:		
Salary and Benefits	Salary and Benefits (7 FTE) to administrative programs.	408,373
Expense/Equipment/Travel/Supplies/Other	(5) vehicles, (7) computers, (7) printers, (7) phones, (7) Desks & Chairs, Office Space Rent for 7 FTE.	250,000
Consultants/Contracted Services/Study		
Fixed Capital Construction/Major Renovation:		
Construction/Renovation/Land/Planning Engineering		
Total State Funds Requested (must equal total from question #6)		658,373

11. Program Performance:

- a. **What is the specific purpose or goal that will be achieved by the funds requested?**
 To have the Gadsden County Sheriff's Office provide child protective investigative services for Gadsden County.
- b. **What are the activities and services that will be provided to meet the intended purpose of these funds?**
 Greater coordination between Child Protective Investigators conducting protective investigations and Detectives conducting related criminal investigations; more efficient communication flow; and improved evidence collection and documentation during investigations.
- c. **What are the direct services to be provided to citizens by the appropriations project?**
 The Gadsden County Sheriff's Office will be able to provide save children's lives and improve their chances.
- d. **Who is the target population served by this project? How many individuals are expected to be served?**
 At-risk youth; homeless; developmentally disabled; preschool students; grade school students; high school students; victims of crime; drug offenders; currently or formerly incarcerated persons; persons with poor mental health; persons with poor physical health; economically disadvantaged; and elderly persons. Over 800 persons estimated to be served annually.
- e. **What is the expected benefit or outcome of this project? What is the methodology by which this outcome will be measured?**



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Improve physical health; improve mental health; protect the general public from harm (environmental, criminal, etc.); reduce recidivism; reduce substance abuse; and divert from the criminal/juvenile justice system.

f. What are the suggested penalties that the contracting agency may consider in addition to its standard penalties for failing to meet deliverables or performance measures provided for in the contract?

Denial of future funding until corrective actions are made.

12. The owner(s) of the facility to receive, directly or indirectly, any fixed capital outlay funding. Include the relationship between the owner(s) of the facility and the entity.

N/A.

13. Requestor Contact Information:

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- b. **Organization:** Gadsden County Sheriff's Office
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14. Recipient Contact Information:

- a. **Organization:** Gadsden County Sheriff's Office
- b. **County:** Gadsden
- c. **Organization Type:**
 - For Profit
 - Non Profit 501(c) (3)
 - Non Profit 501(c) (4)
 - Local Entity
 - University or College
 - Other (Please specify)
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